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## ST. PATRICK'S NEWS & NOTES

### FEBRUARY 2, 2016

Dear Friends of the Mailing List:

I haven't been feeling well this week, so I have not had an opportunity to publish these Notes until tonight on Friday. This said, I would just like to mention four items...

I would like to thank everyone who participated and helped with the **PARISH MISSION** with Fr. Joseph Jablonski, MSC. Missions are really important for us - I keep preaching how the prophets and the saints try to guide us to right actions. Sometimes we listen to them; many times we do not. Fr. Joe did a wonderful job humanizing God and showing us what God is *not*, leading us to understand who God is and what his plan is for us. Thanks Fr. Joe and thanks to our participants!

Our **ADULT FORMATION "ALPHA"** program at St. Pat's begins this Thursday night (February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.) with the first of a six part series on the life of Jesus. The program starts each week with a free dinner (courtesy of Maria Jankowski), followed by a video presentation (with Spanish subtitles) and small language group discussions after. We are taught that formation is a life-long process and that, like any relationship, we need to spend time with the one that we love to sustain what we have. Please check this week's bulletin for more information.



We are also in the planning stages for our annual **IRISH MASS & DINNER ON MARCH 5TH**. I will be hearing confessions that day from 8:00 a.m. until Midnight and we have decided to offer the following prices and items for the Irish Fare that evening...

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner (Irish Soda Bread & Dessert Included) - \$12

Lamb Stew (Irish Soda Bread & Dessert Included) - \$11

Corned Beef Sandwich & Potato Salad - \$8

Pasta for the Kids - \$5

Family of Four Discount - \$20

**TO HONOR OUR PUBLIC SERVANTS (CITY COUNCIL, POLICE, FIRE, ETC) WE ARE OFFERING MEALS TO THEM FOR FREE AND A FAMILY MEAL FOR FOUR AT \$10. PLEASE PASS ON THE WORD!**

Finally some horribly sad news... This week, three brothers of our parishioner Blanca Aguirre (Aldo, Gumildo & Aristeo Rangel) were brutally kidnapped and murdered this week in Mexico. As the family has no finances to travel for the funeral in Mexico, we are holding a special funeral Mass for them in Spanish on Saturday night (February 6<sup>th</sup>) at 7:00 p.m. as part of our all-night evening of adoration & confession (I will hear confessions until 9:00 p.m. or until all confessions are heard). Please pray for Blanca and her family [Blanca and I believe member(s) of her family teach Religious Education and volunteer with other projects at the parish] would be most appreciative of your support and prayers at this time.

Rather than attaching the Bulletins, Homilies and Newsletters as I have done in the past, I think it best to just send them as links from our [www.stpatsjoliet.com](http://www.stpatsjoliet.com) website so that the files I am sending out are not so large. This way, those with limited sized inboxes will not have a problem getting these communications. Thanks for understanding!

Here is the bulletin for February 6-7, 2016:

[http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/\\_modules/document.php?action=downloaddocument&fid=507](http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/_modules/document.php?action=downloaddocument&fid=507)

(To access all the bulletins, you can go to

<http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/documents/collection/bulletin>)

Here is the homily for January 23-24 (The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time):

[http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/\\_modules/document.php?action=downloaddocument&fid=508](http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/_modules/document.php?action=downloaddocument&fid=508)

The homilies from past weeks can be found at this link:

<http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/documents/collection/fr-pete-s-homilies>

Have a blessed week!

God Bless,

## **Rev. Peter G. Jankowski**

Pastor, St. Patrick's Church

*"Gloria Dei Vivens Homo" (The Glory of God is living in Man)*

- St. Irenaeus of Lyons

## **PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. This weekend in the bulletin, you can find an announcement which kicks off our **ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL FOR THE DIOCESE**. Many of you will be receiving, or already have received, the appeal mailing from Bishop Conlon. As always, please reflect on the gifts that our Lord has afforded you and the manner in which you respond to God through your generous support to the work of the Diocese of Joliet.
2. Julie Dillenburg would like to begin the **ALPHA SMALL GROUP SHARING SESSIONS** this Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> in the Columba Room. She needs twenty people to start up the group. If anyone is interested, please contact the parish office.
3. Each year at this time, we dedicate some time to visit our **GUARDIAN SCHEDULE FOR THE ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PROGRAM**. As people come and go from the parish and this program, so we are in need once again to fill hours of adoration from all of you at the parish. If you are available to donate an hour of your time each week to spend time with God and prepare for your own journey to heaven, please fill out the form in this week's bulletin and place it in the collection or bring it to our office.
4. We have put out "**THE LITTLE BLACK BOOKS**" (Reflections for Lent). Please consider putting contributions in the collection basket to offset the cost of the books.
5. This year, our **RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE** will be sponsoring their **BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION** in the entry ways of the church. If you so choose, you will be asked to pick up a baby bottle next weekend, fill it with change during Lent and bring the bottle back to church on Palm Sunday. All proceeds will benefit the diocese's **WOMEN'S CHOICE SERVICES** program.
6. This Wednesday begins the Season of Lent with our annual **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**. Please check the back page of the Bulletin for more details.
7. Next Saturday (February 14<sup>th</sup>) kicks off our inaugural **MONTHLY MASS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE** at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.
8. On the first Sunday of each month, we honor those couples who are celebrating wedding anniversaries.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Helen Aultz, Joan Bannon, Virginia Borio, Mae Delaney, Bernice Demmick, Richard Duke, Pat Furdek, Dan Green, Don, Dolores & Rich Jankowski, Bill Murphy, Brenda Perez, William Shega, Bernie Spieler & Evelyn Vercellotti.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED**

Aldo, Gumildo & Aristeo Rangel